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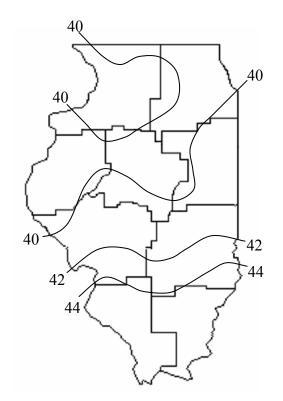
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Agricultural Summary

Rain and cooler temperatures were prevalent across the state of Illinois this past week. Wet fields continued to prevent producers from planting. Flooding has been reported in some areas. Respondents are hopeful that weather conditions will cooperate this coming week. There was 0.2 day suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 72 percent surplus. Temperatures were 2.2 degrees below normal. Precipitation this past week was 1.09 inch above normal.

Crop Progress

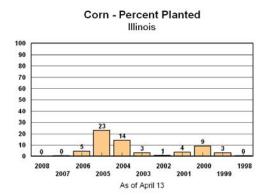
Crop Stage	: : 2008	: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	5-Year Average
OATS:		April 1	.3
Planted	13	17	60

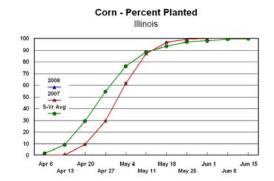


4-inch Bare Soil Temp (°F) April 13 10 a.m.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

______ : Days Suitable : Topsoil Moisture District : for Fieldwork : Very Short : Short : Adequate : Surplus ______ April 7 - 13 April 13 0.1 77 Northwest 23 Northeast 0.5 59 41 7 75 West 0.5 9 9 0.2 27 73 Central 0.3 40 60 East W Southwest 0.2 29 71 E Southeast 0.0 23 77 Southwest 0.0 8 92 Southeast 0.0 100 ______ 26 72 1 1



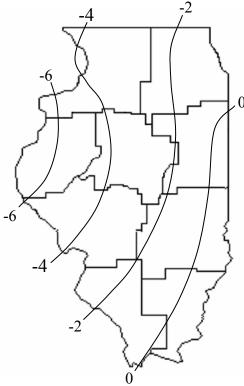


Crop Conditions

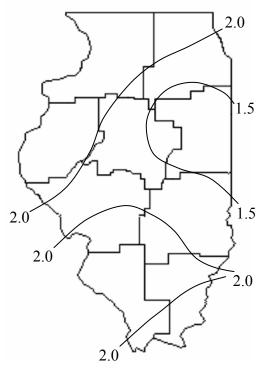
Crop	: Ve	ery Poor :	Poor	:	Fair	:	Good	: Excellent
Winter Wheat Alfalfa Pasture	: : :	1 1 2	6 5 5		April 1 27 41 35	L3	60 51 53	6 2 5

Weather Information Table

District		Temperature				:	 : Precipi			tation		
		Average	: N	ormal :	Depa	arture	:	Total	:	Normal	: De	eparture
	:	April 7 - 13										
Northwest	:	42.0		45.7		-3.7		2.52		0.86		1.66
Northeast	:	43.6		45.1		-1.5		1.94		0.91		1.03
West	:	43.9		49.4		-5.6		2.38		1.03		1.35
Central	:	45.5		48.4		-2.9		1.66		1.01		0.65
East	:	47.3		47.7		-0.4		1.37		0.94		0.43
W Southwest	:	47.6		51.1		-3.5		1.82		1.05		0.77
E Southeast	:	50.9		51.3		-0.4		1.83		0.95		0.87
Southwest	:	52.3		53.4		-1.2		2.69		0.89		1.80
Southeast	:	54.0		53.6		0.4		2.33		0.88		1.45
State	: :	47.2		 49.4 		-2.2		2.04		0.95		1.09



Temperature (°F) Departure April 7 - 13



Precipitation (in.) Total April 7 - 13

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